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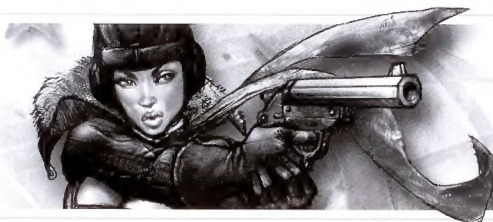
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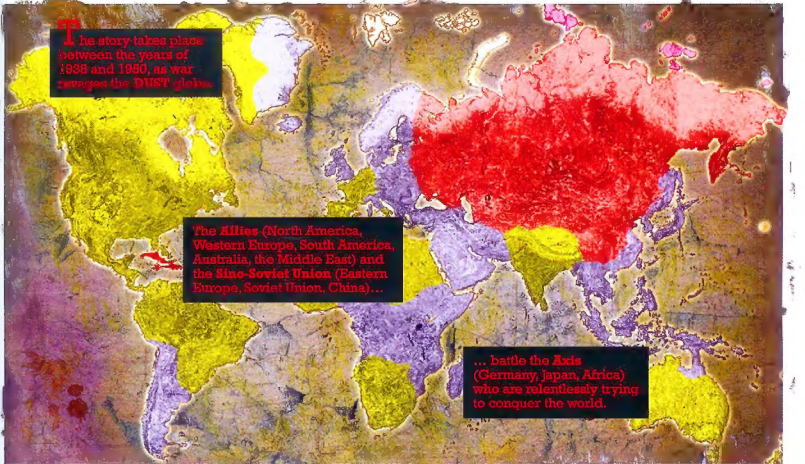
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The Allies (North America, Western Europe, South America, Australia, the Middle East) and the Sino-Soviet Union (Eastern Europe, Soviet Union, China)...

... battle the Axis (Germany, Japan, Africa) who are relentlessly trying to conquer the world.



It has been twelve years since the evil Axis found a space ship buried in the Arctic Snow while searching for fossil fuel.

Aboard the craft was advanced alien technology beyond belief (including propulsion, weapon and carbonite structural systems). For six years the Axis secretly harnessed this technology.

It was turned into a massive mobilized army of astounding mechanized robot walking & flying vehicles, night-vision, high velocity armor piercing smart ammunition, and missile technology.

They then declared war on the free world (with plans of global domination) in the winter of 1940 while marching over most of Eastern Europe unopposed.

REICHER CASTLE PART I

FALL OF 1946: The Axis is about to unleash their latest devastating advanced weapon on the Allies from Earth's orbit, planning to end the war once and for all. With the clock ticking, the Allies mount an almost certain suicide mission. Deep behind enemy lines, dual Special Forces units attempt to stop the Axis! **FIGHT TOUGH! FIGHT STRONG!**



THE HEROES

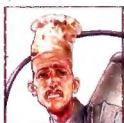


KOSHIKA

RANK: Sino Soviet Special Forces Officer
SPECIALTIES: Hand to Hand combat, Robot piloting, Espionage
AGE: 29
BIRTHPLACE: Moscow, Soviet Union

JOSEPH aka 'Joe'

RANK: Team Commander of American Special Forces Ranger Squad #2
SPECIALTIES: Hand to Hand combat, Robot piloting
AGE: 32
BIRTHPLACE: Brooklyn, NY



WILLIAM aka 'Chef'

RANK: US Army Reconnaissance expert
SPECIALTIES: Small arms, cooking and counter espionage
AGE: 20
BIRTHPLACE: Roma, Italy



TALON

RANK: US Army Ranger Scout
SPECIALTIES: Wind Talking, Diversion, Small arms
AGE: 26
BIRTHPLACE: Sedona, Arizona



DOUGLAS aka 'Scope'

RANK: Sniper US Army Sniper
SPECIALTIES: All weapons, 1/4 mile crack shot
AGE: 23
BIRTHPLACE: Kennebunkport, Maine



REICHERT aka 'Bam Bam!'

RANK: US Army Demolition expert
AGE: 25
BIRTHPLACE: Detroit, Michigan



JONATHON aka 'Ears'

RANK: US Army Communications Expert
AGE: 21
BIRTHPLACE: New York, New York



ABHIK (fearless),
IBANIDHU (friend),
GOIRAL (lovable)

AGE: 21, 22, 23
RANK: Allies' deputized Tank Commanders
SPECIALTIES: Vehicle maintenance and operation
ORIGIN: Katmandu, Nepal

**MISSING
PHOTO**

**THE
BAD
GUYS**



**COUNT
OLIVIER VLADIMIR
ZAMFIRESCO**

RANK: Axis Commander Special Forces Operations,
Third in command of all Axis operations.

SPECIALTIES: Military Planning, Hand to Hand combat, Espionage

AGE: 52

BIRTHPLACE: Unknown

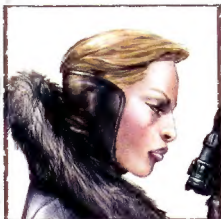
**PROF. STEPHEN
PRIAPINSKI**

RANK: High ranking scientist in charge of all experiments at Reicher Castle.

SPECIALTIES: Torture, dismemberment, re-animation, biomechanics

AGE: 64

BIRTHPLACE: Frankfurt, Germany



SIGRID VON THALER

RANK: Major in charge of all secret operations and experimental research

SPECIALTIES: Hand to hand combat, missile, and rocketry and night vision technologies expert

AGE: 29

BIRTHPLACE: Hamburg, Germany



MARKUS

RANK: Axis Biomechanical engineered Ape Soldier

SPECIALTIES: Bred for aggressive and extreme intelligence, extreme strength

AGE: Unknown

BIRTHPLACE: Unknown



ZOMBIE SOLDIER

RANK: Axis Dead reanimated reenlisted soldiers.

SPECIALTIES: Infantry skills

AGE: Unknown

BIRTHPLACE: Unknown



PATRIOT WAR MUSEUM
MOSCOW SEPT 7TH, 1946

**I HATE
THIS
PLACE.**

**PAPA, THESE PEOPLE DON'T
KNOW HOW BRAVE YOU WERE
TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF
FOR THEIR FREEDOM.**





MY FATHER INSPIRED
ME & THE ALLIES TO
FIGHT THE AXIS WITH
ALL THEIR MIGHT.



IN 1944, HE WAS DECLARED MIA
AT THE FRONT ON AN ESPIONAGE
MISSION. I LEFT MY LIFE IN THE
CIVILIAN WORLD AND JOINED THE
ARMY THE NEXT DAY IN HIS HONOR.
I GRADUATED TOP OF MY CLASS
IN BOTH ROBOTICS AND PILOTING.



THEY NAMED ME COMMANDER
OF HIS ROBOT UNIT LAST
MONTH WHEN MY COMMANDING
OFFICER WAS KILLED IN
BATTLE. I'M NOT SURE HOW
MUCH LONGER I CAN LAST.



K - KNOCK - KNOCK - KNOCK - KNOCK



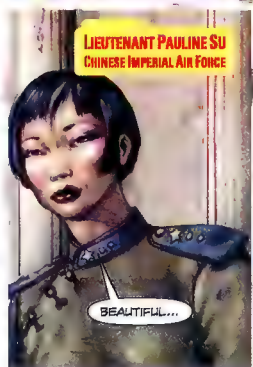
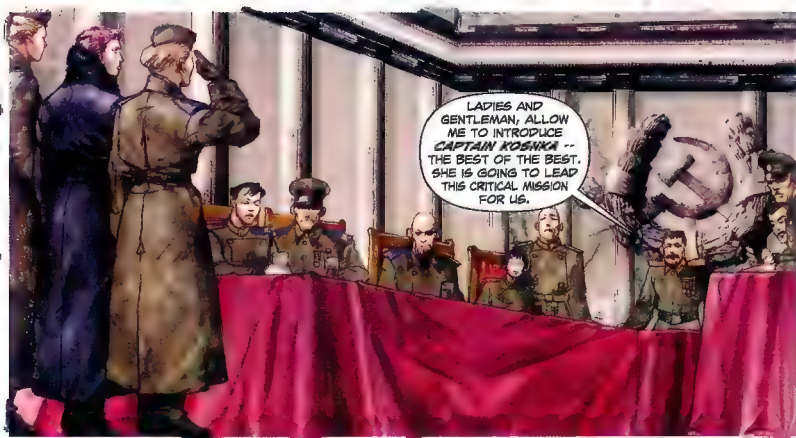
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CK - KNOCK - - - - KRAAASHH!!







KOSHKKA,
ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE YOU TO
THE NEWEST IN
SINO-SOVIET ALLIED
TACTICAL ARMOR:
THE K11-47.

IT'S LIGHT-
WEIGHT AND LETHAL
IN CLOSE QUARTERS
AND WILL CARRY
THIS MISSION TO
COMPLETION.

YOU WILL
FIND IT OPERATES
THE SAME AS THE 45
CLASS, BUT TWICE AS
RESPONSIVE. GENERAL
KALASHNIKOVA?

WE HAVE
AMERICAN INTEL THAT
THE AXIS IS ABOUT TO
START A SPACE
OPERATION CALLED
"SONNENREICH".

IT IS AN
ORBITING MISSILE BASE
MANNED BY ONE OF FRAU
THALER'S EXPERIMENTAL
BRAIN ENHANCED APES.
THEY PLAN TO LAUNCH THE
ROCKET FROM REICHER
CASTLE NEAR KOSICE
IN SLOVAKIA.

ONCE IN
ORBIT, THE APE
WILL LAUNCH A SERIES
OF CATASTROPHIC MISSILE
ATTACKS ON MAJOR
ALLIED CITIES.

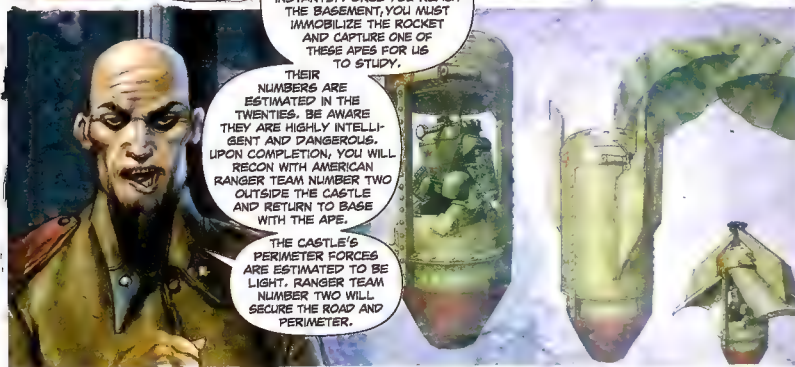
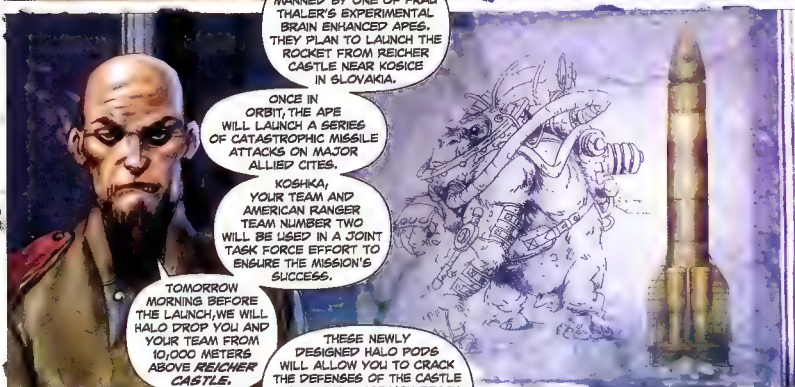
KOSHKKA,
YOUR TEAM AND
AMERICAN RANGER
TEAM NUMBER TWO
WILL BE USED IN A JOINT
TASK FORCE EFFORT TO
ENSURE THE MISSION'S
SUCCESS.

TOMORROW
MORNING BEFORE
THE LAUNCH, WE WILL
HALO DROP YOU AND
YOUR TEAM FROM
10,000 METERS
ABOVE REICHER
CASTLE.

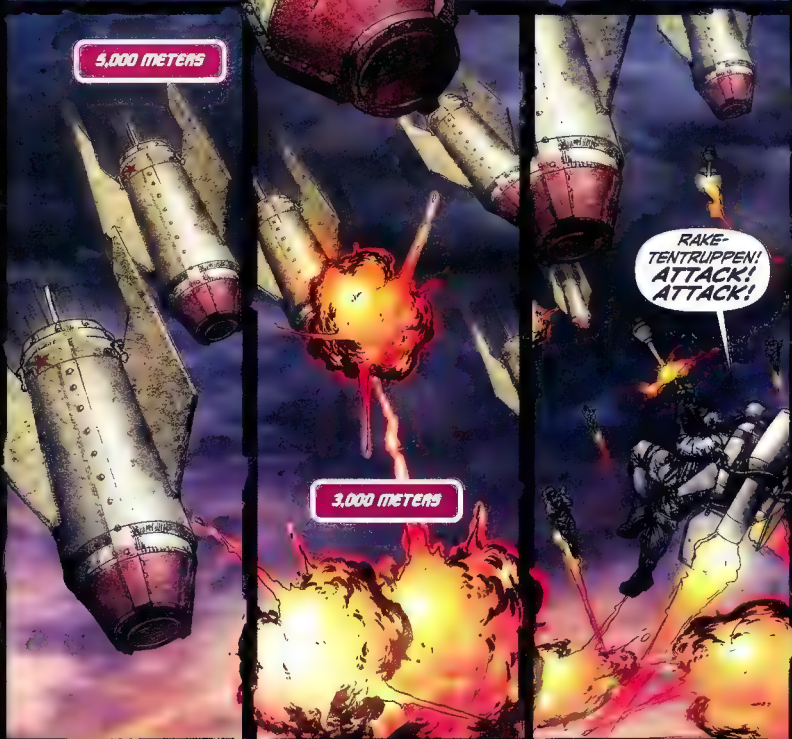
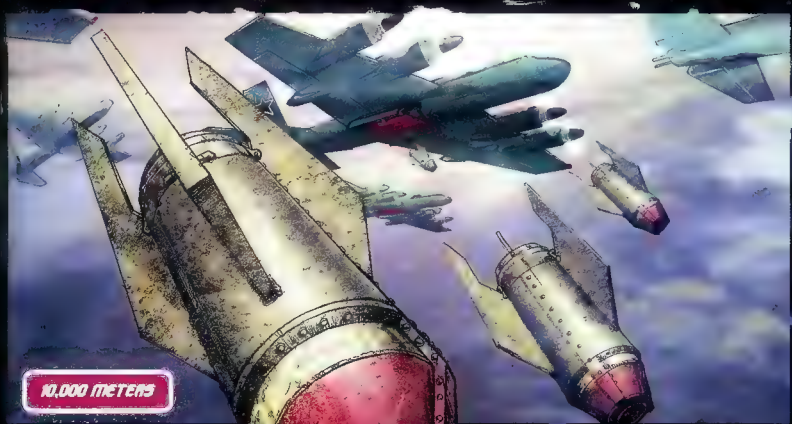
THESE NEWLY
DESIGNED HALO PODS
WILL ALLOW YOU TO CRACK
THE DEFENSES OF THE CASTLE
INSTANTLY. ONCE YOU REACH
THE BASEMENT, YOU MUST
IMMOBILIZE THE ROCKET
AND CAPTURE ONE OF
THESE APES FOR US
TO STUDY.

THEIR
NUMBERS ARE
ESTIMATED IN THE
TWENTIES. BE AWARE
THEY ARE HIGHLY INTELLI-
GENT AND DANGEROUS.
UPON COMPLETION, YOU WILL
RECON WITH AMERICAN
RANGER TEAM NUMBER TWO
OUTSIDE THE CASTLE
AND RETURN TO BASE
WITH THE APE.

THE CASTLE'S
PERIMETER FORCES
ARE ESTIMATED TO BE
LIGHT. RANGER TEAM
NUMBER TWO WILL
SECURE THE ROAD AND
PERIMETER.







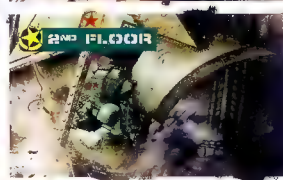




★ ROOF



★ 3RD FLOOR



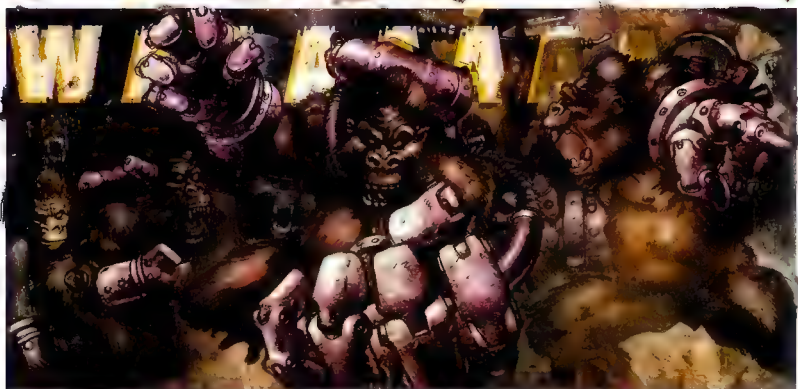
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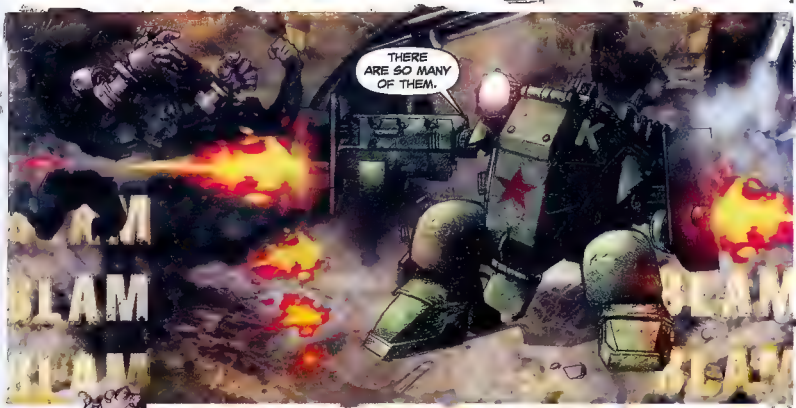


★ 1ST FLOOR



★ BASEMENT FLOOR
APE HABITAT





THERE
ARE SO MANY
OF THEM.

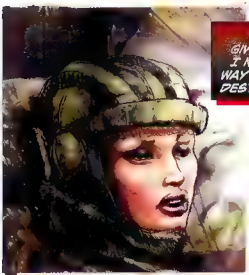


ALL UNITS;
THIS IS GRANDMA!
I NEED THE CHILDREN
AT THE DINNER TABLE!
I REPEAT; I NEED
THE CHILDREN AT
THE DINNER
TABLE!



KEEP
FIRING.



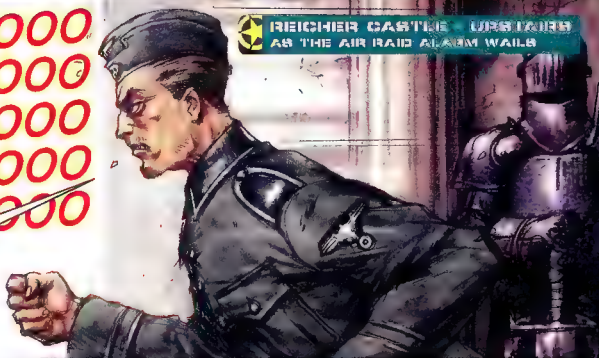


WOOOOOOOO
OOOOOOOOOO
OOOOOOOOOO
WOOOOOOOO
OOOOOOOO

FRAU
THALER, THE
CASTLE IS
UNDER ATTACK
FROM THE
ALLIES.



REICHER CASTLE DESTROYED
AS THE AIR RAID ALARM WAILS



WE LAUNCH
THE ROCKET NOW!
GET THE APE READY
FOR SPACE TRAVEL
IMMEDIATELY!



PROFESSOR
PRIAPINSKY, HOW
WOULD THE ALLIES
KNOW WHAT WE ARE
DOING HERE AT
THE CASTLE?

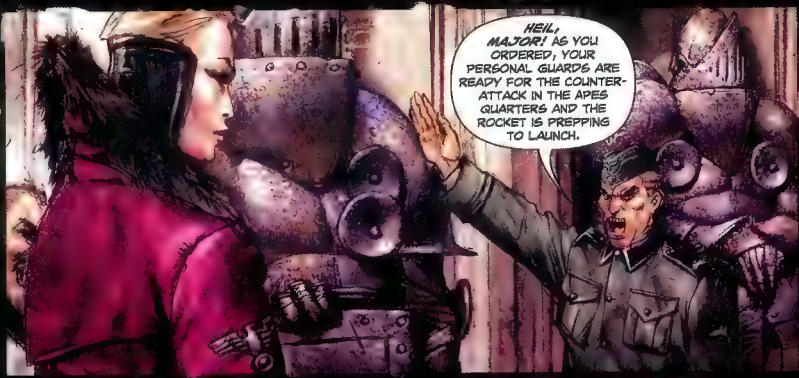


I AM NOT
SURE...



MY DEAR
PROFESSOR -- THAT
IS NOT THE CORRECT
ANSWER! SO AGAIN
I ASK: HOW DO THE
ALLIES KNOW WE
ARE HERE IN THIS
CASTLE?



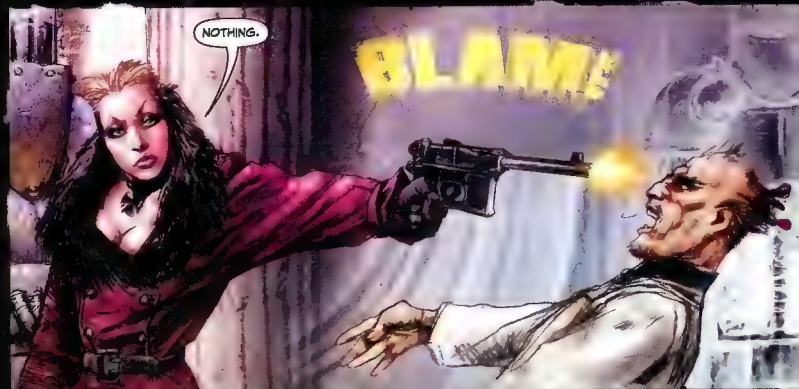


HEIL,
MAJOR! AS YOU
ORDERED, YOUR
PERSONAL GUARDS ARE
READY FOR THE COUNTER-
ATTACK IN THE APES
QUARTERS AND THE
ROCKET IS PREPPING
TO LAUNCH.



SO,
PROFESSOR--
MY QUESTION. YOU
STILL HAVEN'T
ANSWERED
IT.

WHAT
ARE YOU
ACCUISING
ME OFF?

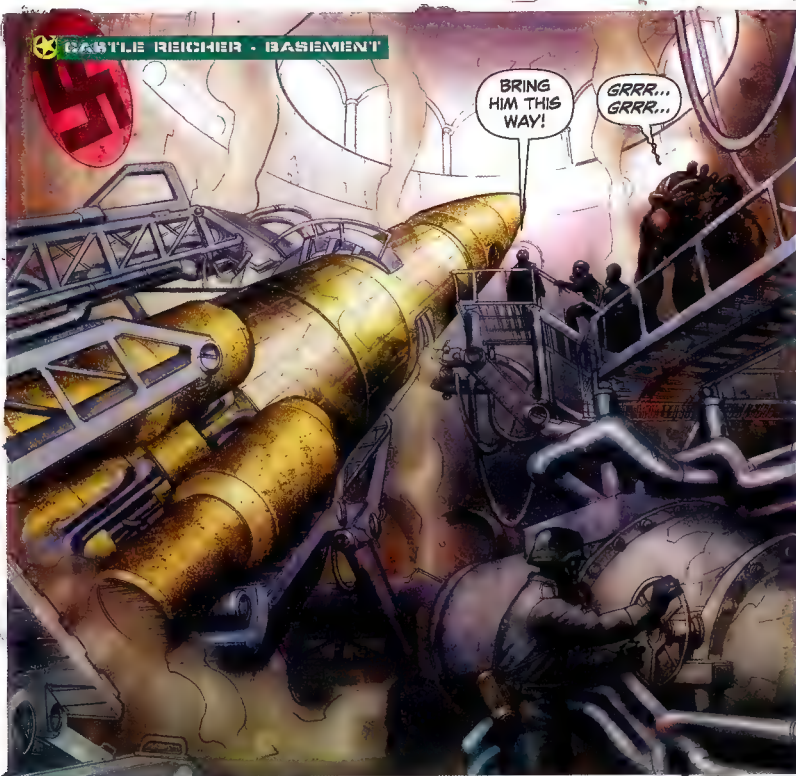


NOTHING.

BLAME!



CAPTLE REICHER - BASEMENT



BRING
HIM THIS
WAY!

GRRR...
GRRR...



CLEAR
LAUNCH PAD!
ROCKET T-MINUS
20 MINUTES!

UNG

FÜR
DRUCK

 **NORTHERN EUROPE - ALLIES BASE**
FIVE MILES FROM THE FRONT - REICHER CASTLE

*WHEN IT RAINS
LIKE THIS, NOTH-
ING GOOD EVER
COMES OF IT...*





HOW ARE
WE DOING,
GORAL?

SHE'LL
BE READY
TO ROLL IN
THREE HOURS,
CAPTAIN!



HURRY UP!
WE GOT A DATE
KICKING SOME AXIS
ASS TEN CLICKS
FROM HERE.

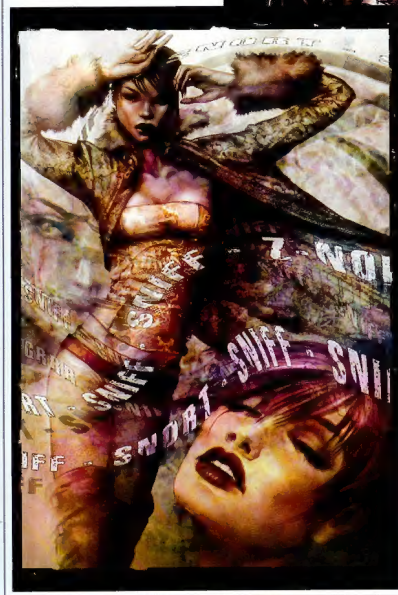
ACCORDING
TO CHEF WE ARE GOING
TO MEET HEAVY RESISTANCE
SO I WANT ALL ORDINANCE
ARMOR PIERCING. WE ROLL
IN ONE HOUR!

YES,
SIR!

TO BE
CONTINUED



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